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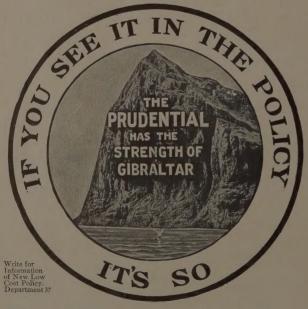
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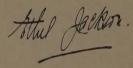


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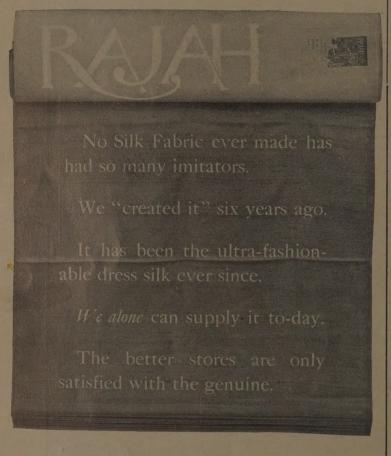
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Otis Skinner Harry Burkhardt SCENE IN "THE HONOR OF THE FAMILY" AT THE HUDSON THEATRE

THE PLAYHOUS

GARDEN. "ELECTRA." Drama. Translated by Arthur Symons from Hugo von Hofmannsthal's version of the Greek drama. Produced February II with this cast:

Father of oving Man. Train Bearer If one must fail it is certainly better to yield under the commanding banner of stupendous art than the futile pennon of trivial irrelevance. All of which is not to assert that Mrs. Pat-

rick Campbell's heroic attempt to enliven an interest in the Greek drama at the Garden Theatre is a failure. But-and the interpretation is used advisedly—it is a bold mind who pits as a boxoffice proposition Sophocles against the output of our mighty

moderns. What chance have the classics against Geo. M. Cohan?

The stage effort of the year has been signally free from positive success. The theatre in our city has been deluged with the trite and the impossible. The astute manager has been compelled to acknowledge that even the overworked business man will not accept that which affronts his artistic intelligence, and so failure after failure has been recorded on the histrionic page. But history has always acknowledged the value to humanity at large of the mind and matter working to a higher ideal. This is certainly what Mrs. Campbell is apparently trying to accomplish. It is useless to contend that with our modern civilization there is a demand for the classic. He or she is daring indeed who assumes to project

of Orestes.

This conclusion applies to drama, not music, for strange as it may be, the metropolis is prepared to sustain and support Mozart and leave Shakespeare to starve. But to advance backward—paradoxical as the expression may seem-to invade those virgin fields of the play and to try and bring their significance, truth and beauty home to our humdrum, prosaic and yet bustling conditionsmore paradox—calls for a temerity altogether too infrequent in theatrical conditions of the twentieth century. Daring experiments frequently succeed, but Sophocles is not Shaw and therefore, perhaps, cannot come under that description. Sophocles is an established fact, not a novelty, for his verities and unities are the stock in trade of modern playwrights. Then, wherefore his chance? Simply in the compelling force

of his knowledge of the human emotions and their outward and visible expression. Electra is the dramatic emphasis of a sorrowstricken soul, an Hellenic but feminine Hamlet-each has lost a father through lust and murder. The Sophoclean drama, as here presented, is a modern yet classical variant-more paradoxfor the original has been reduced by Herr Hugo von Hoffmannsthal and translated into virile and practical English by Arthur Symons. It is in one scene and considering its unrelieved gloom, lasting as it does without drop of curtain for quite an hour and a half, becomes a severe tax on our restless audiences. But the effect produced is one of sincere power and artistic grace. There is true atmosphere throughout it all and the spirit of the Greek traditional is preserved with lasting skill.

Mrs. Campbell in the title rôle reads her long recitals of impassioned woe with fine variety. Her poses are beautiful and she presents a constant series of striking and impressive pictures. As Clytemnestra Mrs. H. Beerbohm Tree presses hard the star for primary honors. Her diction is particularly fine and the inner spirit of the cruel mother and lustful murderess is conveyed with splendid power., Lacking in strength-a youthful faultbut instinct with girlish grace and nice feeling, Miss Stella Patrick Campbell is a most engaging Chrysothemis, while the rugged force and brutal intensity of Aegisthus are admirably portrayed by Charles Dalton. Ben Webster plays Orestes the outlawed brother.

The costumes and setting are strikingly accurate and effective. The announcement has gone out officially from Washington that the Japanese are a sensitive people, and the press is urged to be careful in dealing with our little brown brothers of the Occident. Under the circumstances it may be inadvisable to set down the truth about "The Flower of Yamato," which serves as a curtain raiser. It is hard to discern why it was ever produced. Certainly Mrs. Campbell does not look or act like a Japanese, and the whole tedi ous trifle only suggests how much better are "Madame But terfly" and "The Darling of the Gods."



HENRY LUDLOWE AS SHYLOCK

LYRIC. "OUR AMERICAN COUSIN." Comedy in four acts by Tom Taylor. Revived January 27 with this cast:

Lord Dundreary E. H. Sothern
Asa Trenchard. Adolph Lestina
Sir Edward Trenchard William Harris
Lieut. Vernon. P. J. Kelly
Capt. De Boots. Paul Scardon
Mr. Richard Coyle Frank Reicher
Abel Murcott. Malcolm Bradley
Binney Lohn Taylor

Buddicombe Alfred S. Howson
Florence Trenchard. Helena Head
Mary Meredith. Virginia Hammond
Mrs. Mountchessington. Ina Goldsmith
Georgina Gladys Hanson
Augusta Loretta Healey
Sharpe Katherine Wilson
Skillet Ethel Grav

"Our American Cousin" is perhaps the only play that is associated with our national history inevitably and for all time. Few of the plays that are delighting us in this generation will be known to the stage a century and more from now. The names of many of the best of them will be forgotten, but "Our American Cousin" has had immortality conferred on it, farcical as it is, by reason of its tragic association with Abraham Lincoln. Of course that historical identity could by no possibility add to the vitality of the play as a play, nor could the memory afford enjoyment for a single moment; but perhaps there is not an American mind that does not experience gratification in being able to feel that he, in witnessing the play, is sharing in some measure with Abraham Lincoln the harmless pleasantries afforded by Lord Dundreary. If the character were not amusing, if it did not have in it something genuine and droll and mirth provoking, and were in our present opinion stupid and unworthy of attention, we could not participate with Lincoln in the enjoyment of it. We would not be sharing our enjoyment with him; we would not be having that communion with him that is real and not a mere fantastic bit of imagination.

There is too much criticism in the world, particularly of plays. The man of one generation can so easily imagine that his own generation is superior to the past in all respects and that he himself as an individual is superior to other individuals who happen to be dead. Undoubtedly he has some advantage in a case of this sort, but it is not necessarily true that he is superior to anybody. However, he could visit a performance of this play with that attitude of mind and possibly believe that he was witnessing something beneath his contempt. If he is a dramatist (in which case he might or might not understand dramatic construction) he might feel or imagine that he felt the superiority of the modern drama over this exceedingly clumsy contrivance called "Our American Cousin." He would be quite right whether he knew why and how the drama of this day has advanced beyond the period of Tom Taylor's play. At present it is no play at all. It is crude and its situations are outworn. Possibly it might be made more serviceable as a play if Lord Dundreary were connected with the plot, from which at present he is entirely detached; but even that is doubtful.

Lord Dundreary, who is really the play and who practically furnishes all the entertainment, is the living embodiment of cheerful nonsense, the like of which character does not exist otherwise in the world. Many of the jokes are old, and we may be pardoned if we remark that they will grow older, but it will be many years, we believe, before they will be entirely outworn. E. A. Sothern was one of those genial spirits that do not die when they cease to breathe. His intimates were bathed in the glow of that spirit. The world of his day was made happy by him, for under his ministrations many a care and sorrow were forgotten, and he left the world his debtor. His Lord Dundreary, created wholly by him, is one of those delightful fantastic figures that only people of his own nature, Mark Twain or Rabelais could create. When this play was first done a titled Englishman was little known in this country. He was a curiosity. For that matter, he remains in many respects a curiosity and perhaps will never, as long as the world stands, be anything but a curiosity. The character is not an unnatural one with all that fantastic exaggeration that Sothern gave it. Dundreary was a gentleman. He had his valet. Forty years ago in America a valet in himself was a curious and amusing idea to an American. Whether the present generation has advanced in becoming reconciled to the valet is an open question. In the old play of those days, a butler was no less of a joke. We must sadly admit that he is no longer a joke. Asa



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Trenchard is a relic of the past. If the play itself concerned us it would annoy us to see so many dead people in the cast walking about and pretending to be alive; but Lord Dundreary is still alive. His comicalities depend largely upon the way they are done and uttered. Without the spirit of the original Dundreary much of it all would fall short and be really silly. We believe that Lord Dundreary has come back to visit us for a considerable period. There are undoubtedly a few highly critical people of the present generation who will think that those who take good cheer from the character are themselves inscrutable silly asses. But they are another. They belong to the inscrutable masses who delight in the Katzenjammers, the Busters and other creations

Joe WestcottLaurence Wheat
Nathan Westcott Jas. H. Bradbury
Dave HarriganGeorge Parsons
Tim HarriganJames C. Marlowe
Moseley
Eddie Moseley Master Lores Grimm
Jed WoodisJohn Westly
Foreman Brookfield Hose, Sim Pulen
Fat BoyRussell Pincus
BrainerdFrank Bouman
MaryLaura Harris
John
Mrs. WestcottMrs. Louise Riel
Mrs. Tilford Emma Janvier
Nellie Harrigan
Aunt KateAlice Parks Warren
Sadie Woodis Edna Wallace Hopper

Sadie, post mistress of a town

Joe loves Sadie; and so does Dave love the little lady Sadie; Sadie's brother steals four hundred dollars from the post office, gives it to Dave, "the village dude," who bets on a baseball match and loses. Dave will replace the money and save Jed from prison if Jed will get his sister to throw Joe over and marry him (Dave) which she would have to do in order to save him (Jed); but the

> We believe we have stated the case fairly and clearly. This is Mr. Cohan's latest play. formula for writing plays of this kind was not devised by Mr. Cohan, but was discovered about thirty years ago and is used in perhaps no other country in the world. Almost any kind of familiar pattern or plot may be used and any irrelevant diversion which may please for the moment may be introduced. It is possible and no doubt customary to

into a delusion. Mr. Cohan is a young man who will no things for our entertainment that will make us regard him seriously in spite of his forbidding us to do so. If he does not expect to wear out the patience of the public he must abandon his silly attitude of not wanting to be taken seriously. If he attempted to drive his automobile down Broadway at forty miles an hour would he or would he not expect to be taken seriously? Mr. Cohan cannot

get the details, the songs, the dances, the comical incidents and many of the characters before thinking of the plot. Long before Sadie was born the village band was thought of, with squeaky fifes, wheezy horns and a base drum beaten by a little fat boy. The result is that when Sadie is born she is fifteen years younger than the little fat boy. The fire brigade was organized before Jed came into life. It is not altogether impossible that the two fighting fathers were created after their sons, Joe and Dave, fall in love with Sadie. In point of dramatic existence, without regard to the process of mind that we have been following, the village gossip, a spinster of about thirty, played very well by Miss Emma Janvier, is in reality dramatically certainly not less than 150 years old. Perhaps it is unfair to speculate on the chronology of these people, but there isn't much else to speculate about in connec-

tion with Mr. Cohan's latest. We particularly desire to call attention to Mr. Cohan's use of Mr. Crummles' pump, from which Sadie prettily pumps a pail of purling water. There are scenes, songs and dances, not the least impertinent of which is one concerning Jack and Jill's adventure in going up a hill to draw a pail of water. We do not pretend to say that much of all this

is not diverting. Mr. Cohan has many talents and accomplishments. In nearly everything he does he puts his own stamp on it, and that means individuality, without which no writer can have a continuously successful career. He announces Cohan girls, Cohan boys, Cohan songs, Cohan dances, Cohan everything. This pan-Cohanism, we venture to suggest, is not wise. It might grow

doubt write and do people what they



BERTRAM WALLIS English actor now playing the leading male rôle in "Miss Hook of Holland"

GARRICK. "FIFTY MILES FROM BOSTON." Play in three acts by Geo. M. Cohan. Produced February 3 with this

fifty miles from Boston, loves Joe;

post office burns down and the villain is foiled.

LOUISE RUTTER Recently seen as Cynthia in "The Man of the Hour"

must do and must not do. He could not hit his bosom friend on the head with a poker and beg him to excuse his irony and not to be taken seriously. Mr. Cohan at present has a chance, and that chance is that he be taken seriously.

ASTOR. "IRENE WYCHERLEY." Play in three acts by Anthony P. Wharton. Produced January 20 with this cast:

Sir Peter Wycherley, Grant Stewart; Philip Wycherley, Edwin Arden; Harry Chesterton, Walter Hampden; Charles Summers, John Glendenning; Harris, Hodgson Taylor; Lady Wycherley, Ffolliot Paget; Muriel Wycherley, Nellie Thorn; Lily Summers, Selene Johnson; Linda Hetheridge, Dorothy Hammond; Hilda Preston, Mrs. Sam Sothern; Carrie Hardinge, Mary Whitty; Maid, Lillian Shirley; Irene Wycherley, Miss Allen.

We have no difficulty in believing that "Irene Wycherley" created something of a sensation and excited a good deal of discussion in England. The play belongs over there and can never get a foothold in America, although it may serve the commercial end of filling out Miss Viola Allen's season. Criticism of her personal acting in the play is entirely superfluous, for her acting of the part is better than the part itself. Every really good play must have a living, specific theme taken from some unsettled condition of affairs in life. The intent of the author is an indication that he is beginning to write plays with an appreciation of where plays come from, but he is, however, only a beginner. This would not make much difference if the theme of his play concerned us or was universal. Plays of this kind must be about an unsolved problem. We have innumerable problems that must be settled, social, political, labor and capital, or what not. A play on slavery would no longer entertain anybody. A playwright would waste his time on a second "Uncle Tom's Cabin." When the action of a play involves a living question it may be crude and yet powerful. Mr. Wharton, hailed as a new writer of promise, is exceedingly crude, but crudity with a living theme may safely exist sometimes in a very successful play. People may be interested in seeing certain facts of life represented upon the stage. These facts may arouse indignation and discussion, which are elements of action, and thus a single scene may make a play.

Mr. Wharton practically has two themes of almost equal importance, something that shows that he is a beginner. The first condition, furnishing the first theme, is that it is the duty of the wife in a titled family in England not to separate from a brute of a

husband, but for the sake of the family should become the mother of children by this degenerate brute. We think this is the theme under dramatic discussion in the play. The second condition is that she cannot secure a divorce from her brute of a husband and marry a worthier man because she is a Roman Catholic and the church forbids any such procedure. If Mr. Wharton had stuck to the first proposition and left Roman Catholicism out of it he would at least have had the opportunity of making it a stronger and more consistent play by means of making use of the abundant material at hand. He could have solved the problem logically. He would not have had to resort to the deus ex machina of having an aggrieved husband kill her particular brute and then commit suicide. In this he falls into cheap melodramatic romanticism and does not work out his case logically and convincingly.

The story of the play substantially is that she has separated from her husband, finding it impossible to live with the degenerate, that in the meanwhile a worthy young man has fallen in love with her and she with him, although she is discreet. The aristocratic father and mother of the husband argue with her as to her duty to return to her husband. He has been wounded and blinded by a shot that was fired in his face. It is her duty, they urge, that she go to his country seat and nurse him and try to become reconciled to him. The shot is supposed to have been an accident.



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VIOLA ALLEN AS IRENE WYCHERLY

She finally yields and is in the house with him. We see this blinded wretch, acted impressively by Edwin Arden, in a scene of repulsive anger at trifles, mean to the core and unfit to live. He still has his desires as her master, seems to relent in his manner toward her and attempts to take her in his embrace. She is horrified. She repels him; whereupon he sends an invitation to Lily Summers and her husband to visit the house. Irene discovers his immoral relations with this wife and that it was on her account that he was shot at and blinded by the husband. She orders them out of the house and gives no explanations to the outraged husband, but it must be assumed that he finds in the circumstance a confirmation of his suspicions and therefore takes action which results in a double tragedy and which relieves Irene and solves the problem.

We repeat that the play does not concern this public. An American wife with such a husband who wants her to return to him would simply commend him to the dark Plutonian shores. If the marital and domestic brute is an established institution in England and if his wife is under the obligations suggested by the play, it must be of some interest to some sensible and reasonable people over there to see him pilloried. The representation of the conditions are enough without much of a dramatic action. In point of fact, from our point of view, if we thought that Irene

Wycherley

would for one moment enter-

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we would lose

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point, again there is no ac-

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is one of the ele-

ments of action.

Mr. Arden's

acting of the

repulsive scene

in the second act

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LUCY JANE JOHNSTONE

Miss Johnstone is a native of Hamilton, Ont., and made her début about two years ago with DeWolf Hopper, playing the Messenger Boy in the revival of "Wang." This season Miss Johnstone is playing Oma with the "Blue Moon" Company

Of course no expert playwright misunderstands the old technical term of exposition. The amateur misunderstands it all the time, Mr. Wharton's idea is to collect a number of women and have them tell each other everything that is necessary for the audience to know. Only one of these women is afterwards seen in the play. Naturally there are moments of a great tedium in the first act. Many people may find the play interesting by reason of the curious social conditions existing in England and also because of a certain number of scenes which are dramatic in themselves.

SAVOY. "TWENTY DAYS IN THE SHADE." Farce in three acts by Hennegain & Veber. Produced Jan. 20 with this cast:

To put people into extraordinary situations and complications and to extract every ounce of amusement out of it all is an art known in its perfection and only to the French. A French farce is largely a mechanical manipulation. It is almost a patented process. "Twenty Days in the Shade" is theoretically perfect, but it is doubtful if all the equations in the original have been observed, and we are free to confess that the story as acted is not as funny as it appears in the simple recital of it. The most exacting creditor in the world is the man who goes to the theatre to see a farce and demands that he be amused and kept in a state of laughter for every minute of the time spent in witnessing what happens on the stage. Five minutes of dreariness may destroy his happiness for an entire evening. The silliest ass in the cast

must have capacity in his acting. A stupid actor can never be a humorous actor.

Perhaps the most difficult thing in theatrical management is to secure the right cast for a farce. "Twenty Days in the Shade" is cast well enough and it is possible that any lack of continuity of merriment in the performance may be attributed to the shortcomings or the impossibilities in the adaptation. Here we have a certain Count, who, without the knowledge of his wife, takes an intimate friend of hers, a beautiful woman, to the theatre and is arrested because of some difficulty that he has at the theatre with a policeman. He fears that his wife will get a divorce from him if she learns of the affair, connected as it is with his association with his beautiful companion. He hires a Bohemian friend of his, an old college chum, run down in the world, to impersonate him at the trial. This friend has the card of the Count and gives it to a jailbird who occupies the neighboring cell, but whom he does not see face to face. This jailbird, using the address of the card, puts in his appearance at the Count's house. This is the beginning of a series of complications, misunderstandings and explanations. The judge who has tried the substitute appears on the scene, being in love with the mother-in-law. It is obvious from these complications that the cross purposes are in the nature of compound fractions of humor. The Count's substitute, well supplied with money by the Count, puts in his appearance clad as a gentleman and without the bushy beard that is the symbol of anarchy and disregard of personal appearance. The beautiful friend of the Count falls in love with the substitute and that circumstance helps to solve the complications. The tramp of a jailbird is got rid of and peace settles down where danger threatened.

In the adaptation a number of equations are lacking. The wife is not so jealous as to portend the assumed danger. That the wife could procure a divorce in the circumstances is not made a fact. The continued presence of the tramp jailbird in the house is not made reasonable, whereas in farce everything should have a reasonable unreasonableness. The part of the intrusive jailbird is played by Mr. Dallas Welford, who has been living on the reputation he made a season or two ago in a stupid and for-

gotten farce. It is possible that all little, pudgy, fat men are funny. His principal muniment of humor in this part is to spit on his hands before a handshake and to repeat the same delicate operation with the business of caressing the refined Count, for example, by passing his hand under the aristocrat's chin. Perhaps this performance is more amusing when seen than when described. We are not altogether certain. It is by reason of this uncertainty about some of the humor in the play that we are suf-(Cont'd on p. ix.)



FRANK MILLS Leading man with Olga Nethersole

Mlle. Adeline Genée, of the Twinkling Feet

THE fickle, airy fancy of Broadway, especially as concentrated in the Long Acre Square region, is like a butterfly on the wing—you never can tell just where or upon what it is going to alight. Yet there is always a dash of discrimination, an underlying sentiment of natural selection, in its choice of affinities; and when the gay old White Way goes wild over an attraction bearing the transcendental title of "The Soul Kiss," you run no great risk in wagering that there is something uncommonly bewitching in the woman behind the kiss.

Her name is Adeline Genée. She has been London's little Danish sweetheart for the past decade or so, and now she may be New York's as long as she will. Her dainty blond personality,

when in repose, is of the type that suggests the apt though overworked comparison of "Dresden china." But when she dances and smiles, and smiles through her dancing, in every ethereal poise and pirouette, then we must fly for similes to the breeze-borne petals of the rose—to the thistledown, and the sprites and sylphs of the sunbeam.

When Genée's terpsichorean grandmother, La Taglioni, first tripped the light fantastic pas de fascination in Boston, the wise men and soulful women of the East gathered together and contemplated her performance in solemn, Puritanical ecstacy.

"Ralph," murmured Margaret Fuller to the Olympian Waldo Emerson, "this is poetry."

"Margaret," responded the seer of Concord, "it is religion."

When the adorable Adeline's twinkling feet first touched the stage of the New York Theatre at dress rehearsal, a change, a glamour, came upon the place, which nobody could find a word for, until Mr. A. Erlanger broke through his customary reserve in this memorable utterance:

"She's got me buffaloed!"
But that wasn't all—as
Mephisto Herz sings.

Mr. Sam Harrison, the noted interstate appraiser of all the talent that's fit for vaudeville, from Mexico to Moscow, upon seeing Genée dance, straightway retired to his office and dashed off the following line:

"A Tetrazzini of the

Indeed, this hits it very neatly, in so far as the art of the Danish danseuse resides in her pedal extremities—for, like Tetrazzini, she is such a past mistress of her technique that she can afford to forget it, and let mood and temperament have full play. But Genée, besides being a classical elève of the ballet school, is an accomplished pantomimiste, and an intelligent actress as well. Thus the scope of her expression is infinitely widened, both as to her individual joy in the dance and the interpretation of an idea or a rôle.

Talent like this really calls for a vehicle play, or at least one of Mr. Ziegfeld's "musical entertainments," to carry it along through an evening; and, as such, it is but fair to say that "The Soul Kiss," in local parlance, is "going some." There is genuine devil-

try in Mephisto's lyrical monologue, launched upon New York from the pinnacle of the Singer tower; also in his scheme for the eternal perdition of the seeker after psychic osculation, by tempting him from the true ideal, with Carmens, Fifines, Cleopatras, Marguerites, and Gibson bathing girls. In the Bal Tabarin, as travestied on the New York Theatre stage, there is rather more abandon and entrain than one can be certain of finding in the Paris original of that dissipation.

Against this boisterous background is projected the exquisite figure of Genée, in delicate beauty and poetic relief. She has four scenes, each with its appropriate pantomime dance. In the first, the Parisian New Year's night revel, she is an easy winner of the "soul kiss" competition, and affords Maurice, the gallant young sculptor, ample excuse for leaving home. At Monte Carlo she appears like a second Danaë, flashing through the grand balabille amidst a shower of gold Napoleons and banknotes. Her own specific pas de fascination is in her dressing room scene, in the second act - a charmingly refined bit of genuine pantomime dancing, in which a comic scene with the Hebrew eccentric, Sol Skevinsky, is effectively contrasted with the sentimental passages when Maurice and his guardian devil appear. But the danse de chasse,

But the *danse de chasse*, or hunting dance, at the finale, is the original creation which stands out sur-



ADELINE GENÉE DANCING



Julia Marlowe White Whittlesay SCENE IN "GLORIA," NEW PLAY BY JAMES FAGAN, IN WHICH JULIA MARLOWE IS APPEARING

passingly amongst all of Mlle. Genée's divertissements. The "Hunt Meadowbrooke," for which it is complimentarily named on the program, never in reality offers anything half so sporty, spirited, and picturesque. A romantic forest glade in autumn is reproduced with all the wizardry of the scene-builder's craft. You can almost scent the red fox streaking by. The horn of the hunter is heard on the hill; the music of the pack responds—here they come, in full cry, a score or more of spotted hounds, the very real thing, dashing across the stage as if it were Nassau County, Long Island; the red-coats follow fast, and—ah! the fair Amazon, Genée, a modern Diana in English riding habit, booted and spurred, comes at a mad gallop! No, she is not mounted, but she might as well be—the illusion is all there, as

she alternately checks her imaginary hunter and gives him the rein, takes a water jump and a fence or two, and is in at the death—see! she has dismounted, and is triumphantly waving the brush.

Viewed in its ensemble, "The Soul Kiss" (book and lyrics by Harry B. Smith; music by Maurice Levi) is one of the most satisfying shows of its kind Broadway has seen for many a day. Full of good entertainment and interesting novelties, singularly free from vulgarity, luxuriously staged with an army of comely chorus girls and a wealth of gorgeous costumes and elaborate scenery, it deserves a long and prosperous run. Among the performers who scored must be especially mentioned Mr. C. R. Herz, who impersonated His Satanic Majesty in a manner at once sprightly and impressive, and Mr. M. H. Weldon as the amorous young sculptor.

Mary Garden - American Artiste "Made in Paris"

"T required a combination of Chicago and Paris to produce that!" exclaimed one of the most ardent, intelligent, and critically appreciative of Miss Garden's feminine admirers, when radiant Thais first dawned upon the Manhattan scene.

She meant, specifically, the gown—that marvelously audacious

creation of shimmering rose gossamer which the lovely Greek courtesan of Alexandria wears as lightly as Aphrodite might have worn the seafoam. But the remark applied, even more fittingly than to the gown, to the artiste incide it

Mary Garden, less than a dozen years ago, was simply one amongst the hundreds of bright American girls who go to Paris to learn singing - and are never heard of more. She had a voice, of course-good, but "not in itself a really great voice," as she declares, with equal truth and modesty. To-day she comes back, bringing Paris with her, so to speak. "Louise," the most edies, her own creation as prima donna of the Opéra Comique; "Thais," of the repertoire of the Opera itself, where Miss Garden will henceforth be enthroned; and "Pelleas and Melisande," the very latest word in grand operatic art, so far as French genius is concerned: these three great representative works, it has been the unprecedented privilege of our Paris-made American artiste to introduce here in America, all in a single phe-

nomenal season, herself interpreting the principal rôle in each. The manner in which she has "made good" of her opportunity is contemporaneous history. In a word, Mary Garden has already conquered a position in New York which even the tidal wave of Tetrazzini-worship serves rather to enhance than to undermine.

Whatever she may be in Paris, Miss Garden while in New York lives the life of a free and independent American girl, enjoying all the comforts of home, letting few, if any, of the wholesome joys of every-day life "get past her." This home is a sunny southern flat in Fifty-sixth street, over Park Avenue way, where

she dwells with her parents, her sister, and her pet dogs, and receives troops of friends—also magazine and newspaper people. For one who herself is so important a feature of the stage spectacle, Miss Garden contrives at the same time to get away with a surprising amount of theatre-going, both the plain and the fancy

kinds. Her catholicity of taste and comprehensiveness of mind make her range a wide one, extending all the way from Walter Damrosch's lecture on Debussy to the Eden Musée. She has seen Nazimova in "The Comet," and was so impressed with Mr. Johnson's play, that she has recommended it to Sarah Bernhardt. With Mary Garden, intellectually, nothing is wasted. She even finds time, occasionally, to write a magazine article - and when she does so, it is sure to create a stir, because she has the Chicago way of thinking radically, and then of expressing exactly what she means with simple, downright directness.

It was apropos of something Miss Garden had had the courage to say or to write in a magazine—or both—that this particular "interview" took its start. Speaking of music in its highest—that is to say, its creative—sense, she had 'ventured the observation that "there is at present no art in America."

"I did not intend this as a challenge," says the handsome prima donna, looking at a big bunch of orchids, instead of into her mirror, "nor as anything other than the plain



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MARY GARDEN IN PRIVATE LIFE

statement of what I thought we all honestly acknowledged. So I hardly feel bound to explain, or to qualify, or to enter into disputes, just because in one or two quarters my innocent and self-explanatory remark has been taken up in an adverse, if not perverse, spirit. Besides, an American critic, whose authority none can gainsay, has answered for me. Mr. W. J. Henderson's 'Defense,' which is published in conjunction with my own article, fills pages with categorical records showing that New York gets to hear, in one way or another, the better part of the world's musical novelties; that such relatively provincial towns as, for

instance, Goshen, Ind., and Tiffin, Ohio, and Lincoln, Neb., have works of the best masters in all schools performed under thoroughly capable auspices; while the great choral compositions, together with chamber music of grave character, are often given in places unmentioned by the newspapers, perhaps not even inscribed on the map. What does all this prove? It proves, beyond a doubt, that America is rich in appreciation, and in the raw material as well as in the finer susceptibilities, of musical culture. And that is precisely my own contention. Some day this diffused culture, and this sporadic genius, will crystallize in great native composers, and in works upon the highest levels of art. But it has not done so, as yet. In the meantime, I say, let us nourish this glorious growing national genius with the best the world can give. And what can 'the best' mean, in music, if not the most advanced, the true modern school? - the music that is for the mind as well as for the heart—that has thoughts mingled with its beautiful tones, and represents, as I have tried to say, not merely persons, but passions?

"Bravo! And now, Miss Garden," pursued the inquisitor, "since you are so earnest, and so frank, will you not say something, out of your own wonderful

experience, as to the practical side of art study abroad? It would be fine, if you were to tell the ambitious young Mary Gardens of



MISS ROSALIND IVAN English actress seen lately in support of Mme. mova, Was Olga Nethersole's understudy last and playing Sapho at a few hours' notice with



MISS MABEL HITE Playing the part of Tillie Day in the Chicago production of "A Knight for a Day"

the future-not the trite and trivial old copy-book precepts, but a few of the things which they really want to know, and ought to know, before plunging into Paris."

can," responded the amiable and conscientious "Louise." -"Not advice, though. Advice is a sort of cast-off experience-of no use either to the giver or to the taker. It is usually given for nothing, and is worth just about that. Many of the ambitious girls you speak of come to me, after they have already arrived in Paris. Sometimes they talk about débuts at the Opera, before they can speak a word of French correctly. Of course, these are hopeless. With the girls who really have

"No-that ought to be last and least, with a student. I have been quoted, and quoted correctly, as saving that an artiste should make every sacrifice-go hungry, if need be-in order that she may be well and fashionably gowned. But that is after she is an artiste.

There is no chance for a girl whose mind runs to dress and frivolity at a time when all her energy and resources are demanded for the study of art."

"But, how many are fortunate enough to command the resources you say are

"Oh, a hundred times as many as really make a success of it, even with the resources. There is Jean de Reszké's school — perhaps the best in Paris to-day. Forty or fifty lessons daily are adminis-

voice, and talent, and character, complicated with good looks-ah! it is a terribly

"They do right, though, in leaving their homes, when setting out on the desperate adventure in search of artistic development, fame and fortune. That must be a single-hearted pursuit. Self-reliance is one of the many things, besides singing, that a successful singer has to learn-and she cannot acquire it at home. There she is 'coddled' on the one hand, and shut in by conventionality on the other.

'But let me say, explicitly and positively, that the young American woman who is going to Paris to study for opera. if she expects to get the full benefit of such a course, should see her title clear to \$300 for each and every month, up to the time of her début. Three hundred dollars is 1500 francs, which amount we may apportion as follows, for the principal items of

Pension and living expenses, per month..350 Vocal lessons, per month......500

"There is all but 150 francs accounted for, right away-and nothing said about

carriage hire, and pin money, and possiblydoctors' bills, and"-"And aren't you forgetting the biggest item of all-dress?"



MRS. BEERBOHM TREE

tered, in that operatic kindergarten, to as many different pupils. Yet, out of the entire lot, there were only two that I should say gave brilliant promise. And of these two, I fear, the master himself doesn't think any too well!"

Upon being asked, discreetly, if she would illustrate her remarks with a few leaves from her own life and professional beginnings, Miss Garden replied:

"I am proud of it-especially the obscure and painful part. The fact that I struggled on both with and without resources may quitting. Remembering Chicago, I clinched my teeth and said, 'I will!'—and I did. Eight months of misery, of poverty, almost of starvation, lay between me and my début. But I traversed them, and won my first little triumph in an engagement at 250 francs (\$50) per month. My first important rôle at the Opéra Comique was 'Louise,' which I created. It was rather a forlorn hope-but Charpentier's genius, and Carré's stubborn perseverance, slowly and surely won their victory.

"For a whole year I sang 'Louise' at a salary of 500 francs per



Holbrook Blinn Act I. Rose: "Tell your men to let him go" SCENE IN OWEN KILDARE'S PLAY "MY MAMIE ROSE" NOW ON THE ROAD

account for the positive tone of some convictions I am accustomed

"My earliest musical studies were in violin playing, at which I became, at one time, quite a virtuosa. Then I took to the piano. I hadn't thought of becoming a singer, or an actress, or a professional person of any sort, when I first went to Paris. When the possibility of a career began to open for me, my parents were not in circumstances to encourage such an ambition; but the patronage of enthusiastic friends gave me a good start, and then I began to see grand prospects opening before me. I worked with feverish energy—with almost fanatical devotion. Practical results gradually ensued; and I could even see, far ahead, the glorious opportunity of a début on the Paris stage.

"Then, with the dawn of success, I suddenly became aware that I had enemies, and that they had been busy writing home. For some reason, which I could not then discover, my friends who had been pushing me along, lost faith in me. They withdrew their support at the moment when I needed it most. 'It was not as they had supposed,' they said, in offering to buy me a steam-ship ticket to come back home.

"I would have died, first! But I had no idea of dying, nor of

month—that was all my armor-clad contract called for, and, truth to tell, I was glad enough to get it. Then a new contract awaited me, and it became my turn to make money. I have sung 'Louise' more than two hundred times, and my voice is none the worse for it. My doubting friends have long since expressed their unqualified approval. They rather expected I would defend myself, and explain. But I never explain, and never regret. An artist's life, in its critical moments of development, is one succession of emergencies. Its justification is attainment. Its rewards atone for all sacrifice. What are a few years of suffering and strife, but something to look back on with pleasure? Whereas, art is for a whole lifetime.

"There may be petty jealousies in the world of music-but its real sympathies and enthusiasms are grand. I shall never forget the day when I recognized the great Mme. Marchesi in my audience, while I was singing 'Louise.' I prevailed upon a mutual friend to go to her, and learn, if possible, what her veritable impression was. Well, the famous teacher was genuinely emotionnée,—in fact, she was in tears; and she declared, without reserve, that here were effects more poignant than artificial opera had ever dreamed of. (Continued on page viii)



"They wouldn't keep me any longer at the pension"



"He did say such dreadful things"



"He'll beat you and marry you to a "Yes, I understand. I will save Seer Turk"



Facial Expression and What It Means to the Player

N his essay on Adrienne Lecouvreur, Sainte-Beuve declares that actress' finest gift to have been not her elocution, her eloquence, her temperament, nor any of the hundred and one other attributes that go to make up effective acting, but her skill in mute acting. He says:

No one ever so perfectly understood the art of mute actingthe art of listening perfectly and yet acting with one's whole being while another character was speaking. Thus, full of soul and of feeling, an untiring student, passionately in love with her art-everything contributed to make her the great reproducer of the subtlest and finest of human emotions—and this to a degree unsurpassed in her own day."

It was by posture, by gesture, by facial expression particularly, that Adrienne Lecouvreur-she who first made queens in the flesh of Shakespeare's queens in poetry-attained the stature of an artiste in the affections of people who up to that time had known only the acting of make-believe.

Mute acting, the possibilities of facial expression (always this side of that invisible line that divides the grimace from the look of eloquence, pathos from bathos, sentiment from sentimentality) is an instrument of his art often forgotten by the player who complains that he is cast insignificantly, as it is the glory of the actor who suddenly lifts a small part into prominence. Nature may aid much in equipping an actor with a fine facial expres-Nature may give the actor the one talent—a striking countenance. It is for the actor to multiply the gift by practice and by hard work until it becomes the ten talents of a finished art.

Among the actresses now before our public Marie Doro is a striking instance of the extent that a player may improve upon nature and, through effort, obtain a wide range and an exact power of facial expression.

The illustrations that accompany this article, expressive of emotions induced by lines taken at random from the play, "The Morals of Marcus," exhibit a range of facial play as varied and as



"You're very welcome to my party"



"Seer Marcus loves me because I'm so beautiful"



"If Seer Marcus says 'No' I kiss him, and then he

exact as it is rare. Partly in play, partly in earnestness, Marie Doro has developed to the full the actor's most effective medium of interpretation—facial expression. The result is evident—the means of obtaining it worthy of record.

It was as a member of "Little Mary" company that Miss Doro, availing herself of waits between acts, or during the scenes of other players, got her best practice. In fun, as she thought, she vied with another girl actress at making faces, as two children might do. Night after night she practised at this, amusing her friend, and being amused, until it came to her, unawares, that she could almost do what she wished with her countenance. This she realized one night on actually frightening her friend with a look of terror. From that on, Miss Doro has given time and pains to the furtherance of this

Her methods are these two—to memorize a story, preferably one built of several contrasting ideas—reflect upon it, and then tell it entirely by facial pantomime to some one who has never heard it. It is difficult. In the majority of cases, as a means of telling the story, it is

unsuccessful. But the mere attempt is splendid mental exercise and the finest kind of practice for obtaining a sure muscular control of the face.

Her second device—of especial help to the actress—in acquiring elasticity about the mouth, is the mastery and pronunciation of certain sentences in Italian, French and Spanish. Care-



"I had pneumonia. Pasquale does not like sick people. I was in the hospital and when I came out I cried and he said, 'You damn little fool, I am sick to death of you'"

ful utterance of even random sentences, taken from any of the Romance languages, which, when well spoken, articulated and enunciated with a nicety unknown to the Anglo-Saxon speech, cannot be too strongly commended to every actor and actress to whom correct speech and a skilful management of the countenance are as important as the very breath of life.

Have We an Ibsen amongst Us?

"The modern dramatist must know his Ibsen, the same as the modern novelist must know his Balzac. They are both intellectual baths which must be taken by those who desire to remain intellectually clean."

HERE is nothing hysterical about Mr. Owen Johnson, who made this remark. Only thirty years old, he has been honored by having that fine artiste, Madame Nazimova, appear in the title rôle of his first play, "The Comet," and in addition to this, he has wakened to find his name associated with that of Ibsen.

Mr. Johnson does not enjoy having his aims and aspirations snuffed out under the name of a superior artist. He appreciates the compliment implied by linking his name with that of Ibsen, yet, being a serious artist, he prefers to be judged by his own performance.

Read his cast of characters in "The Comet," Fernand, Nanna, Lona.

With their two-syllable spirit of finality about them, they are very characteristic of the cold, brief names employed by the great Scandinavian playwright. Like Ibsen, Mr. Johnson makes of the stage simply a room, with one wall removed. The action of his play, like that of Ibsen's, will be confined to this room; it will be mental and not physical action. Like Ibsen he has scattered throughout his dialogue, remarks which admit of symbolic interpretation, such as "over the seas," "tangled hair," "the

He has borrowed his terse, tense dramatic model from Ibsen. He does not deny this. He says, "All art is historical." Like Ibsen, his play does not end with a wedding engagement, but opens with a scene in married life. Amer-

ican plays usually end with weddings, as European playwrights see in marriage not the end of all problems, but the beginning of a new and deeper series of problems.

Mr. Johnson resembles Ibsen in two deeper respects than all this. In the first place, like Ibsen, he is a dramatist with a serious purpose. If you want amusement, go elsewhere. Mr. Johnson will try to instruct. Secondly, Lona the female character of his play, "The Comet," carries the whole play, in much the same way that Nora carries "The Doll's House," as Hilda carries "The Master Builder," as Hedda Gabler is the main figure of the play of the same name. Like Ibsen, he is not only attracted by, but he perceives the complex nature of the twentieth century woman; that she has a hundred impulses and a hundred leadings, the same as man, and can no longer be treated as one eternally tiresome feminine type. He explained his philosophy to the present writer:

"I see in woman the whole drama of existence. Those who desire to secure the key of the progress of civilization had better cease studying the academic facts of history, and begin to understand the psychology of woman. As woman has advanced, civilization has advanced.

"Woman doubtlessly invented the idea of marriage. Sex would have been sufficient for man in the dim days, when man was 'joint tenant of the shade' with the beast. She probably invented this

institution to protect her offspring. Later on she became jealous of the other wives, and also became dissatisfied with occupying a lower scale than man, and insisted upon monogamy. In rising higher in her own scale, she made man climb higher than he had ever thought of before. Do not consider me a femininist, however. I think the trouble with America to-day is, it is being dominated by women.

'The contemporaneous playwrights do not see the subtlety of women. They make them simply creatures that love and are loved. They give them small feet and also small minds. There is such a variety of types to be found in the feminine world, it seems singular that playwrights should so religiously stick to the most obvious; which are not always the most interesting. My next play deals with the struggle a woman has between two conflicting emotions, the maternal and the romantic."

When the "Comet" is asked by Fernand, "Who are you?" she does not reply, "I am El Comet, the great actress, who has roused all Europe by her art!" She says simply, "I am a woman." If Mary Jane or Sally Ann said they

were "a woman," it might perhaps be funny, but coming from a character, whose whole career has been given up to her art, and who, to achieve greatness in her art, has stamped out every human emotion, this reply means something. It shows when the critical test came, much as El Comet prized her art, and many the sacrifices she made for it, she was yet more than an artist, viz., she was "a woman." The term "woman" becomes significant in Mr. Johnson's hands. Perhaps that is the reason his play has been such a success with women. He says himself, "My play is only for men of artistic temperaments, but all kinds of women understand it."

Mr. Johnson is the author of three novels, "Arrows of the Almighty," "In the Name of Liberty," and "Max Fargus." I asked him why he had ceased writing successful novels for the drama. He replied that he considered the play to be the most perfect form of literary expression. FRANCIS OPP.



OWEN JOHNSON athor of "The Comet"



FLORENCE NASH The Dutch barmaid in "Miss Hook of Holland"



ALFRED HICKMANN Seen recently in "Society and the Bulldog"



CUYLER HASTINGS Playing the gambler in "The Girl of Plays the mother in "The Warrens of the Golden West"



EMMA DUNN



A PRIVATE PORTRAIT OF MME. LUISA TETRAZZINI

An Interview with Luisa Tetrazzini

ELDOM has New York endorsed a foreign verdict more promptly than it did recently on the occasion of the début of Luisa Tetrazzini at the Manhattan Opera House. Although the published accounts of her wonderful success in London, usually considered an undemonstrative city, largely contributed to crowd the theatre, it was by no means sure that her European and San Francisco triumphs would be repeated here. New York has a fancy for forming its own judgments. It is apt to be prejudiced against those who attain fame first elsewhere. But at the close of the first act there could have been no doubt in the minds of anyone that an extraordinary singer was in our midst. Such limpid high notes, such a marvelous descending scale, such control of a beautiful warm-timbred voice, in short, as the new star displayed, coupled with a capacity for imparting dramatic significance to coloratura passages often so meaningless, established her at once as one of the most remarkable singers of our time.

When the representative of the Theatre Magazine was received by Mme. Tetrazzini in her private sitting room, the singer had already been interviewed, and had posed for nearly an hour for photographs. She came in buoyantly, scoffed at the idea of being tired, laughed at the suggestion that people took up too much of her time.

"How could I be other than nice to them," said she, "when all are so nice to me, when New York has been so nice to me!"

Perhaps the most vivid first impression derived from meeting the singer is her amiable disposition. She looks as though worry and ill temper were absolutely unknown quantities in her "makeup." Her merry laugh is infectious, and her frank simplicity charming. In personal appearance she is attractive. Light chestnut hair grows around a broad but not too high forehead, her dark eyes are shaded by black lashes, and luminous in their depths. Her complexion is smooth as that of a baby, and there is not a line in her face to suggest that the years are passing. Indeed, she looks much younger than her photographs, younger even than she appears sometimes on the stage. Her plump, well-

rounded arms taper down to little wrists and small but well-shaped hands which, opening freely, indicate, according to palmists, a frank, expansive nature. She has the full throat of the singer, and by preference wears collarless gowns; her neck is smooth and plump.

She is delighted with her success here, but she does not expatiate upon it, taking it as a matter of course. Questioned about her remarkable voice and equally remarkable vocal technic, she explained that she was born with a flexible voice, that she and her two sisters—Signora Campanini, and Signorina Elvira Tetrazzini, a well known vocal teacher of Milan, Italy—inherited good voices from their mother, and that her health is good. These seem all-sufficient reasons for her success, to her own mind, hence they can be dismissed without further consideration. But to the layman they hardly seem so. When one is confronted with the actual fact that the singer studied but six months before making her début on the operatic stage in Florence, her native city, one is forced to search for other reasons for this phenomenon.

Eminent specialists in San Francisco examined her larynx during the two seasons that she sang there; other eminent throat specialists, including the court physician of England, examined it again, when Mme. Tetrazzini was arousing Covent Garden audiences to the wildest enthusiasm last autumn. The verdict of these great men was singularly unanimous. The throat, vocal chords and larynx of the soprano were absolutely perfect in structure and physical condition: the ideal throat and larynx of a singer. To this fact must be ascribed some of her remarkable technical ability, since study, as most sopranos have done to acquire even an approximate agility, she did not. The singer herself takes the most matter-of-fact view of this side of her art.

"One is born with a flexible voice or one is not," she remarked. "If not, it is useless to struggle for it. One must develop it, perfect it of course, but the ability must be inborn."

Unlike many singers, Mme. Tetrazzini does not cherish a longing for the unattainable. She has no desire to attempt the operas for which her beautiful voice is unsuited. The dramatic singer is also born, not made, she maintains. That she is by nature, however, is shown by her rendering of the old operas.

the story of the opera, must try to interpret the heroine as she was," one is not thoroughly in sympathy with her. For instance, in Violetta's place I should never have acted I would not have out a word, I should at least have explained matters to him. Lucia is, in my opinion, a far more sympathetic character. She was dethe truth, and her actions were therefore logical. I try, when singing a rôle, to lend the emotion which the experienced at such to the music I am singing then. I am glad that people tell me I succeed. As a matter of fact, it is seldom that I am able actually to hear myself. Only sometimes does the theatre seem to reflect to my ear the actual sound of my voice."

Without singing any of the modern

strictly dramatic operas, Mme. Tetrazzini yet numbers thirtythree rôles in her repertoire, among them Lucia, Violetta in "La Traviata," Gilda in "Rigoletto," in all of which rôles New York has heard her, the title rôle of "Lakmé," Rosina in "The Barber of Seville," Inez in Meyerbeer's "L'Africaine," in which rôle she made her début in Florence, the Queen in "The Huguenots," and in the "Magic Flute," besides the soprano rôles in "Romeo and Juliet," "Sonnambula," "L'Etoile du Nord," "Mignon," "The Pearl Fishers," "L'Elisir d'Amore," "The Fair Maid of Perth," etc., in short the entire repertoire for a coloratura soprano.

Asked about the high E flat which she introduces in both "La Traviata," and "Lucia," swelling it and diminishing it to



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MABEL TALIAFERRO IN "POLLY OF THE CIRCUS"

the delight of her audiences, as well as all the difficult staccato notes and additional embellishments which she adds in the fathe latter opera, the diva replied:

"Oh, as to that, no soprano ever sings that scene exactly as it is writshe can do, and as much as she can. I carelessly dismissing the brilliant effects which aroused such wild enthusiasm. She was equally simple in her reply to a re mark that the writer hoped to hear her in "Lakmé."

"Don't forget that I am coming to New York for three years," said she, with her lighthearted laugh. "Everyone will then to hear me in all my rôles."

Mme. Tetrazzini is enthusiastic about San Francisco, in which city she sang seventy times during the two seasons that she visited it.

"It was like an European city, said she. "I felt at home there at once, and the people are s.o expansive, s.o expansive, so warm hearted! I loved it. Then, too, the climate was re-

Mme. Tetrazzini takes excellent care of herself, ascribing, as do most singers, the utmost importance to being in good physical condition. All highly seasoned foods are tabooed, and she never drinks anything alcoholic except occasionally a small quantity of light wine diluted with a large quantity of mineral water She also believes that a light voice should not be exercised too much, under penalty of seriously injuring the timbre, and when filling an operatic engagement, unless learning a new rôle at the same time, practises rarely, since she declares that singing at performances and the consequent rehearsals are quite sufficient to keep the voice in practice, and anything beyond that would but fatigue it. Certainly her voice is wonderfully fresh and ELSIE LATHROP.

Scenes and Characters in "A Waltz Dream" at the Broadway





Charles A. Bigetow Joseph W. Herbert

ACT III, JOACHIM XIII: "SEE WHAT I GOT FOR RUNNING AFTER THE RASCAL!"



Edward Johnson (Lieutenant Niki) Magda Dahl (Princess Helene) LIEUT, NIKI: "WE CAN BE GOOD FRIENDS"



Edward Johnson (Lieutenant Niki) Sophie Brandt (Franzi Steingruber)
LIEUT. NIKI: "LET ME SEE WHO YOU ARE"



Edith Wynne Matthison Returns to the American Stage

It was written of Miss Matthison about that time: "As Every-



N former days, when a trip across the ocean was an event of a lifetime, the coming of an artist over the stormy waters was

a matter of almost national importance. The appearance of George Frederick Cooke, the English tragedian, in the autumn of 1810, aroused widespread interest. When he made his American début at the old Park Theatre in Park Row, playing Richard III, he attracted the largest audience which had ever assembled in the United States; hundreds of disappointed people were turned from the door after the "standing room only" limit had been reached. To be sure, this was the advent of the first great actor, but when, a little later, James W. Wallack, Edmund Kean, the elder Booth, Charles Mathews, Fannie Kemble, and numerous lesser lights visited this country, their arrival was the occasion of much public excitement. To-day we take their coming more calmly, we are more accustomed to seeing on our stage the most finished artists of the European boards, and we take it as a matter of course that the most celebrated of the world's players will eventually find their way here, considering their international fame not complete until it has received the seal of American approval.



Among those younger English actresses who of recent years have visited this country, none has won her way quicker into the favor of our audiences than Edith Wynne Matthison. Her beautiful poetic interpretation of Everyman, in the old morality play, created a profound impression. Her splendid gift of elocution, her fine intelli-

gence, her personal magnetism, at once brought her into prominence. The critics, weary of mediocri ty, hailed with enthusiasm the new star, who had come practically unheralded, even unnamed, for it is a fact that on the occasion of her first appearance in New York as Everyman, when everybody recognized an actress of unusual ability and charm, her name did not appear on the official program of the play.

every one of the many characters she essayed, and became the theme on every tongue. Everywhere you met the

Edith Wynne Matthison?" Then fol-

lowed encomiums of her dramatic power, her finished art, her splendid elocution, and, as a final touch, her personal charm. That indescribable magnetic quality we call charm, as intangible as the fragrance of a flower, never to be acquired by art, but an imperishable gift, was assuredly bequeathed to Miss Matthison, and it drew to her a real affection from those who were privileged to see her act.

On returning to England Miss Matthison had the opportunity of appearing under her own management in a London theatre, but at the same time the late Sir Henry Irving made her an offer to join his company as leading woman, and act with him

man she portrays almost all the human emotions, from lighthearted indifference and a full-blooded enjoyment of life and its good things,

through incredulity, fear, anger, rebelliousness, supplication, despair, repentance, confession, pain, resignation and submission to final peace. That one wo-man should be able to express all these phases of feeling, and to sustain the part for almost two hours of uninterrupted effort would be marvel enough; but Miss Matthison is Everyman for those two hours, and her tears are as genuine at the one hundredth performance as they were at the first. Therein lies her power; in her absolute sincerity, and in her absorption in her part. To talent nature has added the gift of beauty. She has eloquent eyes, a mobile mouth, and hands so full of expression and of feeling that they alone tell the story without need of

"Everyman" was followed by "As You Like It," and who will ever forget her portrayal of Rosalind in those memorable out-of-door performances?

Miss Matthison scored success in



AS ROSALIND



during the two seasons in which he intended making an extensive farewell tour, and this engagement she accepted. It was one of the ambitions of her life to play leading parts with the great master of his art. She had now reached the goal strived for.

During this engagement Miss Matthison won fresh laurels, and in writing of Sir Henry's production of "The Merchant of Venice," says: "Miss Edith Wynne Matthison's Portia was in itself a There were but two figures in the court scene—Shylock, the implac-able, and Portia, pleading for mercy. In the Portia at Belmont Miss Matthison gave us a sweet, feminine character-purely feminine. She gave point to the clever phrases, brightness to the whole surroundings. But the Portia of the court of justice was sheer acting of the highest orson spoke the as one who felt them. To the majestic diction of Shakespeare and the dignity of the doctor of laws. she brought the genuine enthusiasm which could belong only to a woman when mercy is spoken of. The intercesaudience, and

though the words were known to all by heart, none could help but be thrilled again by Miss Matthison's recitation of them. Not only in this passage did the young actress make an impression on the audience. Throughout the whole of the trial scene she and Sir Henry Irving held the audience as under a spell. Familiar incidents took on a new meaning; more familiar words a stranger and deeper heavity."

Sir Henry Irving's sudden death was a great and irreparable loss to the whole world of art, but to Miss Matthison this tragedy must have been doubly poignant, for in losing the great artist there departed also the kind friend.

Professor Gilbert Murray's translation of Euripides' "Women

of Troy" was produced in London at the Court Theatre, and Miss Matthison's interpretation of Andromache was one of supreme dignity and beauty. Later, when Professor Murray had his translation of Euripides' "Electra" produced, Miss Mat-

thison was again asked to create the principal rôle, and her conception and portrayal of the part were so fine that the critics declared her a truly great artist.

In private life Miss Matthison is the wife of the English scholar, Mr. C. Rann Kennedy. The two dramas in which to appear in America are written by her husband: one a comedy, the other a tragedy. The comedy, in five acts, is a modern play called "The Servant in the House"; the tragedy, "The Winterfeast," is likewise in five acts, and the scene is laid in Iceland in 1020 A. D. Both of these dramas are described as unique; their action is continuous with but one scene set for all five

Miss Matthison recently gave an account of her early stage beginnings to an English publication. Shakespeare, she says, was her favorite author at a very early age, and when at the age of fourteen



EDITH WYNNE MATTHISON AS EVERYMAN

she entered King Edward's grammar school, there was a teacher there who also loved her Shakespeare, and had a rare gift of imparting her own enthusiasm.

"A little later," she says, "I attended the Midland Institute for French and German, and in connection with the former there was Professor Bevenot, who used to give delightful and illuminative readings from the best classic and modern dramatic authors. Again, by this time I was allowed more frequent visits to the Birmingham theatres, and it may be imagined that Shakespeare was not neglected there by me. Then, too, there were numerous calls upon my services from the various amateur dramatic

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Our leading players all had to travel the hard road of adversity. The fittest have survived the ordeal; the travecompetents fell by the way. In this series, actors and

My Beginnings

By FRANK KEENAN

HAT I was born of an Irish father and an Eastport, Me., a time I had defended my collar with my bare knuckles. mother, proves that there was in my nature enough con-

flict to furnish dramatic instinct and action for a lifetime. Certainly here was a

FRANK KEENAN

union of ebullience and repression. When I step foot out of bed in the morning I never know whether my Irish father or my Yankee mother is going to rule that day. It will surely be one of them, but which one remains a problem until the last moment of the last hour of the day.

If you have seen "The System of Dr. Tarr" you know my father, for he was Dr. Tarr. I made up precisely as my father looked at that time. He died a year or two later. A tall man of delicate frame, and agreeable manner, acute perceptions and fine

I was born in Dubuque, Iowa, where, previous to my birth, in the terrible panic of 1857, my father went



AS GENERAL WARREN



AS DR. TARR IN "THE SYSTEM OF DR. TARR"

down in the commercial failure that ruined so many, and after a few years of fruitless struggle against adverse circumstances in Dubuque and three years of bookkeeping in Boston, he bought an unbroken farm of 375 acres near El Kader, Clayton Co., Iowa. It is of life on those acres that I have my earliest recollec-

tions.

A few years ago I played one night at Aurora, a town forty miles from El Kader, and when I went before the curtain I told the audience that I had plowed in that country when I was eleven years old and had a hard time reaching the handles of the plow. I had worked on a reaper and driven a harrow. I recalled that I had a hard time with the country boys because my neat Yankee mother had insisted upon my wearing a collar, a sign of effeminacy which the farmer boys had bitterly resented. Many

Later on my father had taken a large railroad contract. The

treasurer of the company had absconded with the funds and my most poignant recollection

of El Kader is of my father's property being seized by a sheriff. I remember my plucky little mother passing the official on the road and giving him a grim smile.

"I know you are looking for my husband's horses, and I am looking for my husband," she said with an attempt at lightness.



AS HON. INO. GRIGSBY

I knew the gaiety concealed an aching heart. The druggist met us at the train, as the whole countryside did, to see the curtain fall upon our poor drama of Trying to Get On in the Far West. He proposed to my mother to take me into his store. She considered it, but finally decided to take me back to Boston with her. Some time after I had

got on the stage I met the druggist, and he said:

"How strangely life turns out. Here you're an actor, and if you had gone with me you might have been my partner by now at El

El Kader is a town of thirteen hundred

We came to Boston and I was put into the schools there. Again I had to defend my wardrobe with my fists. The Boston boys were not annoyed by my collar, but my overcoat built by the best tailor in El Kader displeased them. I had many a fight on my hands on account of

My Waterloo came when, at the close of the term, I was on the program to recite. The teacher thought because I was a good reader I would recite as well. I sat on the platform, a tall gawky youth, head and shoulders above my classmates. There was one star reciter in the class, and he was the occasion. I listened to



AS JACK RANSOM, THE GAMBLER

Scenes in "Twenty Days in the Shade" at the Savoy



Jeffreys Lewis Pauline Frederick Richard Bennett ACT I. HENRI: "WE'LL GO TO ROME-WE'LL GO TO NAPLES"



Grace Heyer Ernest Lawford Richard Bennett
ACT I. ERNEST LAWFORD: "YOU ARE SENTENCED TO TWENTY DAYS IN
THE SHADE"



Dallas Welford Pauline Frederick

ACT II. PAULINE FREDERICK: "AFTER ALL HE'S A MAN OF GOOD
HEART"

him with wonder in my soul and a fearful lump in my throat. My turn came and I got up to recite "Lochiel's Warning."

"Lochiel," I whispered, "Lochiel, beware of the day!"

And there I stuck, stuck dead. I couldn't get any further. I had to give it up.

It's rather odd that a few years ago I went back to have a

look at the old school, the Rice School, they called it. I stood at the corner looking at it, my thoughts jogging down the long path of the years, when a baker came out of the bakery on the corner. He had flour on his hands, and a white apron and white cap betokened his trade.

"Excuse me, sir," said he. "You are Mr. Keenan, aren't you?"

"Yes," said I.

"And you used to go to the old Rice School?"

"Yes."

With his name as a prod to my memory I recalled him. He was the star reciter of Rice School. He had been the school's glory the day I had been its shame.

I never got out of the grammar grade, never anywhere near it, for the time came when I had to leave school and go to work.

I began in a wholesale drygoods house at two dollars a week, or more exactly, \$100 per year. I intended to learn the business, but the proprietor interfered. Glancing through a peephole in the floor he saw me standing waiting for a feather duster.

"Fire that boy," he said.
"We don't want anybody standing around in this establishment."

I found work next in a wholesale hardware establishment. With this job my star came out from behind the clouds, for Mr. Stratton of

the firm saw me making a sale to a man and sent me out to sell "Family" grindstones. Years afterward I met one of my customers, a retailer, at a club. I reminded him of the incident and he laughed.

"Come over to my place," he said, "and I'll show you every grindstone with the emery all peeled off. Those emery grindstones were made of wood."

When Mr. Stratton found that I had sold all the emery grindstones, he chuckled and placed me on the list of traveling salesmen. So, at seventeen, I was a traveling salesman through New England. I had this position for two years. Then the firm failed. I got a backer and set up a cigar store.

But the store didn't thrive. I had joined the Young Men's Catholic Association of Boston College and the McCullough and Kean Amateur Dramatic Associations, and mere business was neglected. At one of our entertainments a bona fide manager happened to be present. He came back to see me and said:

"A good amateur is better than a bad professional," and made me an offer to join his company forthwith.

My Yankee mother being in the ascendant in my mood at that time, I asked for an advance of salary and got it. The salary was nine dollars a week. I was made the leading man. The nine dollars I spent for what I considered the necessary outward

tokens that I was an actor. I bought a high hat-my first one-and a long light, almost white, overcoat. When I met my fellow actors of the company I found they were all professionals who had seen better days. Meg Ayling was one of these. She had been the wife of the manager, Tom Ayling, and had at one time been the toast of Boston, and drove her four-in-hand, and had a safe full of diamonds. But she was growing old and was partially blind. She had come in her last days to barnstorming.

I made my first appearance as a professional at Richmond, Me., as Archibald Carlyle in "East Lynne." The manager used to stand in front of the house to see that no one gotin without paying. Then he would call the utility man to his place. He borrowed my light overcoat for these occasions because he thought it a good thing to make "a fine front." Then he would call the utility man to his place and would rush back, put on his wig, dab some powder on his face, play a part, then remove the make-up, put my overcoat on again and rush back to the front, sending the utility man back to play another part. In three or four weeks we saw that the company was not destined for success. There were no salaries paid. I concluded to leave. So did the leading heavy man, and the old second man, John E.

MISS KATHERINE EMMETT
California girl, now leading woman of the Belasco Theatre, Los Angeles, played leading rôles with the Fawcett Stock Company in Baltimore

Hynes, whose hand I shook on Broadway a few weeks ago. We took a steamer back to Boston. Having no money to pay our fare we gave an entertainment and collected enough to pay our way.

After that I got an engagement in J. W. Langernan's Stock Company. Mr. Langernan was one of the finest of the old actors who were wedded to the traditions of the old school. He gave me twelve dollars a week and my board. He gave me an aphorism which has been worth much more. He noticed that I always stood in the wings and watched the work of the other actors in the company.

"That's right," he said to me. "Watch, think, and don't crook your elbow too much and you'll become an actor."

One night I went to the old gentleman's dressing room to get my three dollars for the night's performance. He always paid us himself. He sat before a table, the money arranged in a neat semicircle of piles of coins before him. I had played the Duke in "Othello" that night.

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MLLE. ADELINE GENEE, THE FAMOUS DANCER, AND HER FOX HUNTERS IN "THE SOUL KISS" AT THE NEW YORK THEATRE

Is the Leading Man the Leading Man?

HAT a good thing it would be if by hook or crook there could be a general revision of the nomenclature of our professional forces, by which we could designate the respective classes or branches into which actors are divided with some degree of discrimination and accuracy!

In the old days of the stock company there was such a classification. A democracy obtained among players which has been almost completely obliterated. In its place a certain spirit of aristocracy has developed among actors which operates unjustly among themselves and misleads the public.

The old-fashioned designation of an actor's line of professional work was clear, and it carried some accurate conception of his functions to the general mind. In those days we had old men and old women, first comedians and low comedians, heavy men and heavy women, soubrettes, etc., and these again divided into subdivisions, such as second old men, second comedians and the like.

Theoretically there is still such a division on broad lines by which actors characterize the parts in which they are most proficient; but the practice is honored more in the breach than the observance; the later arrivals know very little about it and are prompt in ignoring the lines of demarcation. The old classification suggested potentialities of progression. An actor or an actress might rise from one stage to another, and the "second heavy" might aspire to the place filled by the "first heavy." If it

portended anything as a system it portended normal development—the beginning at the foot and the gradual rise to a higher artistic plane. Each person knew his place, and that meant system, order and organization, such as obtain in other branches of business.

To-day everything is confusion. A man or woman may have been on the stage for years and not be able to tell what his or her line of work is, unless the individual has been fortunate enough to be "starred."

They are simply engaged for some mark of personality suited to certain rôles, and when the producing managers happen to have no parts befitting certain personal traits, good actors are seeking in vain for engagements, while people inferior to them in everything but that which nature bestowed out of indiscriminate prodigality are engaged in their places.

For example, what is more misleading than the general term "leading man" or "leading woman"? In nine cases out of ten, to describe the leading man is to describe the lover in the play. In many cases he is not the leading man at all in the true sense of the word, and there is seldom a company organized in which there is not an implied conflict of interests over this question.

Broadly speaking, the most important characters in a play are the lovers and the villain—I prefer "villain" to "heavy," and only regret that we cannot say "villainess"—the character that is introduced in every well-regulated play as the antagonistic force to



SIGNOR SCOTTI AS SCARPIA IN "TOSCA"

suspend the interest in the foreshadowed happy ending when the lovers shall fall into each other's arms.

But the lovers in the modern play are not always the leading rôles, the protagonists; and the love story often is but a shadow-graph against a more imposing background of events. In "Camille," Armand and Mlle. Gautier are undoubtedly the leading characters; but in "His House in Order" and "The Hypocrites"—to quote at random—they are not. Yet the young fellow who plays the lover complacently calls himself the leading man—and why?

In the majority of modern plays the lover is merely the light comedian, the old-style walking gentleman, and his sweetheart is the ingenue—not the leading lady by any process of sane reasoning. Yet these two youngsters preempt an importance to which impliedly you must doff your hat in profound respect or be run down, while the elder persons and the better actors, who assume a much more vital place in the events, are dismissed with scant courtesy, as though they were merely introduced to support these simples.

A young fellow adopts a professional career, and because he is "tall and handsome" he is, in a year or two, shoved into the part of the lover. Thenceforward he walks Broadway with a cane and white spats and calls himself a leading man, while the elder actor who has learned his business from the ground up and plays the intrigant in the piece is pushed into a subordinate position by general consent.

"All the world loves a lover," mayhap, but it does not follow that all the world loves a bad actor in the rôle. Booth, by contrast, made Iago stand out in brilliant relief, though Iago was an arch villain. Assuredly Booth was a star of the first magnitude and Othello cuts a tremendous figure as a lover. But if I were to attempt a classification, I would call that actor the leading man and that actress the leading woman who managed to make their parts the most vital element of the performance consistent with the object of the action or plot of the play, whether they were the lovers or not; and I would follow the German system of calling the youngsters, whose only function is to overcome parental objections or other impediments to the ultimate end of their joint happiness—plain lovers.

It is unfortunate that, unlike the German and French, we have no feminine endings to distinguish the sexes, so that we are prevented from saying "loveress" as in German they say "Liebhaberin," or "villainess." But I would get around it by calling her the young lover's sweetheart, or be entirely honest and say, ingenue—but never leading lady, when the mother, or the elder sister, or the rival is, in fact, the leading lady of the play.

A leading man who can do nothing much better than throw the bonbon row into ecstacies by a long-sustained Nethersole kiss, or a leading woman who has no other stock in trade than a pretty face and figure as a bait to her worshiper, are altogether out of the focus, and distort the normal optical value of a play if they are assigned the importance which they arrogate to themselves and which general indifference has conceded to them.

Why should we not return to the ways of the old stock days in this matter and be honest by calling things by their true names? Let us leave the "stars" to revolve in their eternal cycles, since we cannot change their course, but let us get back to terra firma, to familiar ground, and classify that which is still mortal in a theatrical company as was the custom when a dramatic organization was governed by exact principles and by an approved system.

Frederick F. Schrader.

There is from time to time an outcry against what are called the huge salaries paid to certain performers and an added wail that if there is to be a steady increase in that direction it will presently be impossible to keep open. There must, of course, be a limit in the matter of salaries as in all other things, but the cold fact remains that there are in the variety profession a few artists whose popularity, as represented by their drawing capacity, is so great that it would really be difficult to say what would become of the theatres without them. One is always being told that the "good all-round program" will always fill your house. So probably it will, but your great big bright star is a certainty.—Tribune.



W. H. CRANE AND MARGARET DALE IN GEORGE ADE'S COMEDY "FATHER AND THE BOYS"



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MME. RUSS IN "FAUST"

Tetrazzini's Début at the Manhattan Opera House

INCE the day, or the evening, when Mr. Oscar Hammerstein threw open the doors of his Manhattan Opera House to the public he has been longing for a sensational singer. Of the artistic greatness of many of his singers there never was a doubt in the minds of the unprejudiced. To mention but a few, there were Renaud, Sammarco, Dalmores and Bonci, all of whom were adjudged to be important importations to the roster of operatic artists singing in this country; but the longed-for sensation did not materialize, not even—let us be quite frank—when Miss Mary Garden appeared in all her glory and sang Thais. Gradually Mary Garden's vogue has spread, but she did not upset the equilibrium of the public at first.

But now, peace to his longings, Mr. Hammerstein has a sensation, and her name is Luisa Tetrazzini. She is a sister of Mme. Cleofonte Campanini and she has sung in San Francisco—so she is no stranger to this country. But it was London that "discovered" her and it was London that threw its opera hat high in the air and then shouted loudly in its glee. London's shouting was so loud that its echo came under the water, superheating the cables which then steamed forth the information that Tetrazzini was a "second Patti" and a few things more.

So the New York operagoers were quite prepared for her

when she appeared at the Manhattan Opera House; and that temple of enthusiasm was scarcely big enough to contain the plaudits of the huge crowd that has assembled to hear her. So far as popular approval goes Mme. Tetrazzini was a huge success. She was feasted with applause without end by an audience that was huge in numbers and noise, and thus Mr. Hammerstein's longed-for sensation had really happened.

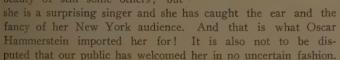
The opera chosen by Mme. Tetrazzini for début was "La Traviata" and in this, very near the beginning, did she have an opportunity to display just those qualities for which she is famous—namely height, brilliancy and agility. The voice, if one chooses to analyze it, is a remarkable one in the upper register. Its height is surprising and it grows in volume instead of getting smaller. If the first evening needed any particular moment to unleash the enthusiasm of the multitude, then the singer furnished this by reaching up vocally and taking the high E-flat, and then stooping down and picking up her train, she walked off the stage. That was too much for the shouters of "bis" and "brava." It was a signal for an explosion—and by it Tetrazzini was acclaimed a favorite.

She was heard to still better advantage a few days afterwards when she sang in "Lucia di Lammermoor." In the mad scene

she gave an exhibition of pyrotechnique that was startling in all its daring; but as Gilda in "Rigoletto" she proved disappointing.

In the lower register this voice is small and uneven—at times it is little more than an infantile voice of a quality that is not in any way pleasing; but her vocal stamping ground is up among the dizzy heights and here she possesses brilliancy of a rare degree.

Tetrazzini a "second Patti" after all? What nonsense to pose such a question! What is more treacherous than the human ear as reflected in the human memory! But if both are to be trusted to a limited extent they remind the ruminator that Patti's voice was a very smooth, even one — Tetrazzini's is assuredly not that! But, then, Tetrazzini lives and sings - and Patti does not any more, at least not here. So why this futile speculation about Tetrazzini being a "second Patti"? Leave that for the sensation mongers. To us she is simply Tetrazzini, a singer with a remarkably high and brilliant voice. She has not the finesse of some other voices, nor has she the luscious beauty of still some others; but



MME. KIRKBY-LUNN IN "AIDA"

It is doubtless true that the box office has nothing to do with art but art has something to do with the box office. So those who wish well to the Manhattan Opera House have been delighted at the crowded houses which Mme. Tetrazzini is drawing cess which Mme. Melba reaped for this manager last year. Also have the drawing powers of "Thaïs" and "Louise" increased so that full houses greet these operas now. Perhaps the tide turned of its own accord, perhaps it followed as a result of Oscar

Hammerstein's ultimatum to his subscribers in particular and to the public in general, in which he set forth that unless novelties were appreciated here he would not continue to produce opera in this city except to a limited extent. At all events, matters are prospering at the newer emporium of New York's opera, and the flow of novelties goes on uninterruptedly.

The next new work that was given production at this opera house was Umberto Giordano's "Siberia," which was, on this occasion, heard for the first time in America. Let it be confessed that Giordano's music does not enjoy a very high reputation here. Opera frequenters know this composer principally by "Fedora," an opera which has been repeated and repeated at the Metropolitan; and the oftener it is heard the less one thinks of it. It is an opera that is so thinly covered with music that it sounds weaker and weaker with each repetition. Now, when one compares the same composer's "Siberia" with "Fedora," the former stands out as a mighty work. It at least has some musical ideas and shows some clever-

ness of treatment. The beginning is lamentably spineless, but then the composer was clever enough to utilize a Russian folk song in the second act and to employ it to such keen advantage that it dominates the incident and sheds atmosphere over the

This scene depicts a station on the and the Russian folk tune, "Ay ouchenem," a doleful melody, is iles as they tramp the desolate path to the Siberian mines. It is the one touch necessary to heighten the theatrical it far more effectively than any idea of Giordano would possibly have suceeded in doing.

Also in the last act of "Siberia" are there some good moments musically and the contrasts are rather skilfully handled. It is a



MME. AGOSTINELLI IN "AIDA"
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very gloomy subject, with scarcely any ray of happiness—if one excepts the very opening of the first act; but even there tragedy begins to stalk swiftly and it casts its shadows of approach over the lightheartedness at the house of the much-sought Stephana.

Taken all in all, "Siberia" is not a huge work. It does not compare with the Puccini dramas, but it is interesting nevertheless, and the native opera public should feel grateful at having an opportunity to see and hear it. With the exception of the first act adequate scenic backgrounds have been provided; but the first interior, supposedly the house of a woman upon whom fortunes are being squandered, is far from elegant. It looks rather tawdry in its color scheme and some flimsy curtains are hung at the portal of this Russian beauty's private abode. In addition, the stage manager at the Manhattan has a habit of keeping the stage so glaringly light—irrespective of any logic as to where the light is supposed to enter—that the defects of such a scene are advertised. This stage manager has spoiled the effectiveness of more than

one scene by his over-illuminating. The first scene of "Louise" is absolutely ruined by such foolish handling of lights, for the light is kept streaming in from the top of the room—evidently through the ceiling!—despite the fact that it is obvious to every one else that the light of the room is being furnished by a single lamp in the middle of the table about which the family are sitting. Thus, with a brilliantly lighted room, the whole feeling of intimacy disappears, and just that idea of home life which the composer strives to finely depict is blasted.

When Oscar Hammerstein was struggling to keep operatic body and soul together it was nothing short of charitable that such defects of stage management should be graciously overlooked; but now he is enjoying the confidence

and the patronage of the public so that there exists now no reason why his stage manager should escape criticism any more than does the stage manager of the Metropolitan.

But to return to "Siberia," the tenor Bassi, who has sung the rôle of Vassily in Italy, was ill; and so at the eleventh hour Zena-

tello sang the music, although there had been time for practically no rehearsals and although he had not sung the music for years. An apology was made for him before the opera began, but it was not necessary, for the tenor sung his rôle extremely well and he acted it with enthusiastic fire of temperament. Agostinelli was the Stephana, and she, too, displayed enthusiasm for the opera and for the opportunities it presented for her. She sang it very well, taken as an entire reading, but she is another case of a singer who would appear to a many times greater advantage did she not believe in giving forth every ounce and atom of sound possible. It does not require all that voice to fill an opera house, and if the singer did not strain her vocal resources she might be able to exhibit some beauty of tone in place of mere wholesale volume of sound. Sammarco is a past master at just this trick of keeping beauty and roundness of tone uppermost. He sang the rôle of Gleby, a villain, and he did it with consummate skill, acting dramatically and singing it with just those vocal qualities which

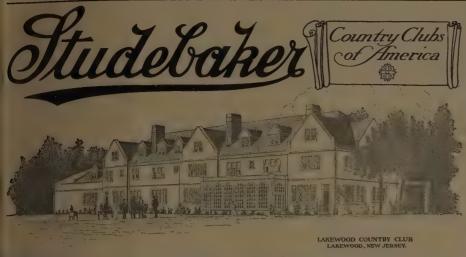
make him so rare an artist. Campanini conducted, and he again brought to hearing the quality of interest—as he does in nearly everything which he touches with his conductor' wand; but he succumbed to the temptation of letting his orchestral forces drown out the singers in moments of climaxes. This is partly the result of having the orchestra placed so high, a feature which worked out to advantage in the case of the staler Italian works that needed to display some sign of enthusiasm or even loudness in order to interest the public; but in some of the more modern writings the singer, after all, is entitled to a lot of consideration, too; and some of Campanini's accompaniments are at times dominated more by enthusiasm than by sympathy.



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Edith Wynne Matthison Returns

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societies of the town; and I acted and recited

societies of the town; and I acted and recited and sang during those early years for church bazaars, Masonic dinners, Arts Club gatherings, Midland Institute conversaziones, Conservative, Liberal and Socialist soirées, with a catholic impartiality.

"And there were books. Besides those I have already mentioned, Jane Austen, Dickens and George Eliot were among my earliest affections. Then came Charles Kingsley, William Morris, and the sagas. Next, on wings of fire, Carlyle and Ruskin, who swept me off my feet—'Characteristics,' 'Sartor Resartus,' 'Heroes,' 'Queen of the Air,' 'Lectures on Art,' and certain numbers of the 'Fors' I read over and over again. At this time (I was fiteen) I met Charles Rann Kennedy, who—somewhat later—became my husband. With him came the Greeks and life-long inspiration. I read the 'Laws' of Plato and found them dull; his 'Republic' and became his slave forever. Homer was a revelation; and, finally, there came the great Greek tragedies. With Rann Kennedy I embarked upon theology, logic—Huxley, I went so far; We read the Fabian Essays together, the Guild of St. Matthew publications, Blatchford and Thompson, of the 'Clarion,' Bernard Shaw, and voted 'wastrel' only last municipal election. I mention all this as being of possible interest to anyone who cares to read my nonsense, because I can myself trace much of what I have tried to stand for in my work to the varied influences of these days."

The return of Miss Matthison is a rare opportunity for all lovers of the best in dramatic art.

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To the Editor of THE THEATRE MAGAZINE:

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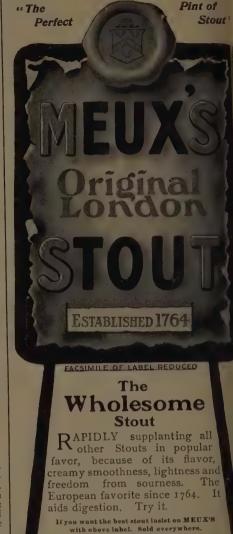
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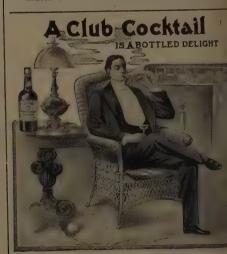
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My Beginnings

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"You read that speech beginning 'Who e'er be' well to-night," he said, and added two lollars to the pile.

"Come over to the Opera Café," he said. The Opera Café was a saloon opposite the heatre. I went to the café and spent all of my five dollars, but not all the intense joy 'of my gratification at the old man's praise. I learned a great deal from Mr. Lanergan, and afterwards from Joseph Proctor and old ohn Murray. All those dear old fellows, fine irectors all, helped to lay the solid foundation upon which I built my poor structure, ohn Murray, although a country actor and trictly a provincial star, came nearer to being realist than any of my early teachers. I had hort and fugitive rehearsals under Fred Willams, the father of Fritz Williams, who taught me much about the more graceful things in ramatic expression. This cultivated man and ential Irish gentleman was a stickler for corect speaking and fine "address" in acting. All these men spent valuable time in teaching oung actors how to stand, how to turn without unnecessary action of the feet, how to ring a chair, how to sti upon it, how to wear sword, to hang a toga, to handle a lace handerchief, but above all how to "make points" by emphasis in reading or marked dramatic ction.

Those were the genial days, in which the

I Those were the genial days, in which the actor had more of the family and less of the individual instinct than he has to-day. The nanner of our living brought that about. We ill stopped at the same hotel, and our expenses were paid by the management. We all sat at me long table. In the Proctor Company Joe Proctor sat at the head, "Mother dear," Mrs. Proctor, at his right, Annie Proctor, "Annie lear," at his left, then the leading man and he company according to their company positions, down to the property and utility man, with jovial Captain Proctor, Joe Proctor's brother and manager, at the other end. Joseph carved the joint. Always when all of the lates were filled Captain Proctor said, "Ring up," and the meal began and we were all very lappy.

carved the joint. Always when all of the plates were filled Captain Proctor said, "Ring up," and the meal began and we were all very happy.

A farce always followed the play and the Governor" invariably lit his pipe and sat in the wings watching the farce, without having emoved his toga of Virginius or his make-up as Othello or Damon.

A further valuable schooling I had with James A. Herne, who on the other hand, aught me to think. He had only begun to hink deeply himself after a practically long experience on the stage, but once started he lever stopped in his search for truth, and in loing so threw overboard most of the stage ouventions upon which he had depended in he past. In my opinion he threw too many of hem overboard, and this necessary ballast gone, his dramatic balloon floated too far above the heads of the multitude.

From my beginnings I deduce the fact that actors must learn the trade of acting. They must learn to read intelligently, to walk and resticulate gracefully, and they must learn to think what a part means. They should ask themselves the three questions, Who? and Where? and Why? Before they go on the stage to play a scene they must be able to answer to themselves, "Who is this man?" "Why is he here?" "How did he get here?" "hese questions intelligently answered will greatly help to make him a good actor. Speaking in a personal sense, had I started to build carefully upon the foundation laid by these fine directors and my own observation and never stopped building, I should have been asked much sooner for these memories of mine, but I built for a little while, and then discouragement, disappointment, moments of pleasure and pain called me away, and when I returned to the building again the bricks had been tumbled down. Weeds and moss had grown about my former work and I was obliged to tear down what had become unsightly before I could start to build again. This happened not noce but many times until at last the great truth came that constant effort is the only safeguard against decay. Half

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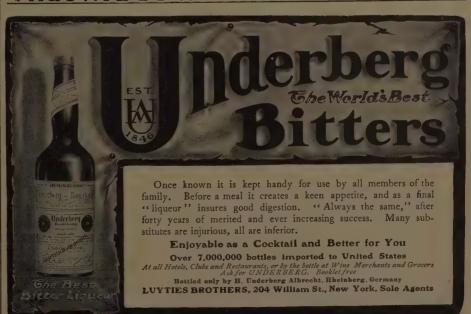
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Mary Garden

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"Mme. Marchesi's tribute was, in truth, to the new school of lyric drama, rather than to any individual interpreter. Certainly, the art of coloratura singing of which she is the unrivaled exponent, has reached its acme of perfection in Patti, and Melba, and Sembrich, and Tetrazzini—but these unsurpassable artists are, of necessity, confined to a few Italian operas of the most naive character, written half a century ago expressly for the exploitation of such vocal lacework, and which were passé even to our grandparents. Progress has to seek new paths."

Miss Garden said that works like Debussy's "Pelleas and Melisande," though actually truer in spirit to the original genius of song-drama than some of its more recent degenerate offspring, are in effect revolutionary.

"Why, it was like the Dreyfus case, when 'Pelleas and Melisande' was first produced in Paris. Factions were formed, feuds were waged, life friendships were broken. But then, eventually, such music is like water from the hills—it is bound to find its level. Modern lyric artists are not satisfied to be mere concert singers on the operatic stage. They must have parts with acting in them."

Speaking of the rôle of Marguerite, in "Faust"—one of the éarly favorites of Emma. Calvé

operatic stage. They must have parts with acting in them."

Speaking of the rôle of Marguerite, in "Faust"—one of the early favorites of Emma Calvé, whom Miss Garden looks up to as the most richly dowered dramatic singer of her time—the new prima donna remarked, mischievously:

"Here is where the critics have me 'dead to rights,' as you say. I was able to keep them guessing somewhat in 'Louise' and in 'Thaīs'; but as Gounod's heroine I fear they will find me out at last. Besides, in accord with my dramatic conscience and sense of the fitness of things, I expect to dress in black, instead of the traditional but unlikely white, in the prison scene. Ah, well! as Yvette Guilbert says, one can only strive to—'Bien chanter, et laisser dire.'"

Henry Tyrrell.

HENRY TYRRELL.

At the Opera

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the orchestral speech is never slurred or impotent. To the contrary, the orchestra is kept seething, each detail being finely worked out—and yet it is all within the grasp of the wielder of the baton who controls its dynamics absolutely and always with keenest regard for the singer. You may agree entirely with Mahler's readings or you may disagree with them in some points, but you willingly admit that he plays orchestral operatic accompaniments that are novelties of beauty at the present time.

Lately Mahler has brought out "Don Giovanni" and "Die Walküre" at the Metropolitan. The former was a stunning performance, one that brought to hearing a cast of stars with but a single weakness, namely, that of Dufriche who, as Masetto, was hopeless. Mme. Eames sang Donna Anna for the first time and she did it with painstaking artistry. Mme. Sembrich was an exquisite Zerlina; and Mme. Gadski a vocally acceptable Donna Elvira—but may the shade of Mozart forgive her for her costumes! Bonci was an admirable Ottavio and Scotti sang and acted a virilely interesting and artistically impressive Don Giovanni. Chaliapine was the Leporello and he was excellent in his acting. The orchestra played beautifully, and it was an evening of classic honor for Gustav Mahler.

At the performance of "Die Walküre" things went not nearly so smoothly. Burgstaller, who has been out of the operatic running all season as the result of a broken arm, made his reappearance, but he was so hoarse that it was nothing short of a marvel that he should have wanted to sing or that he should have been allowed to. Kirkby-Lunn was also the victim of a cold which she disguised rather cleverly; and Gadski, as the Brünnhilde, was lacking in those heroic qualities that are needed to lift this part to a position of dramatic dignity. It requires something more than a mere singer to be a big Brünnhilde. As Sieglinde Fremstad was superb again, singing and acting admirably, and the Wotan of Van Rooy was also of impressive vocal and histrionic stature. The stage manageme

its tone.

For the rest there have been repetitions and repetitions at both houses.





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At the Playhouse

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ering from some impediment of speech in giving a account of it. The farce ought to be funny, at there are moments in it that make you sad. It is a concede that there are many moments of diversion in our little plaything, our top, while it is pinning. Mr. Richard Bennett, the Count, decribed as "a man of leisure," is as active as could edesired, and two of the women in the cast, auline Frederick, the wife, and Grace Heyer, he woman who gets the Count into trouble, are mely enough to repay any audience for any nort weight in farcicality. Mr. Charles Dickson he substitute, has developed into a comedian with all proper restraint. There was a time when he ad none.

MADISON SQUARE. "THE WORTH OF A YOMAN." Play in four acts by David Graham hillips. Produced Feb. 12 with this cast: Herbert Merivale, Frank Young; Maggie Salyers, Haret Sheldon; Billy, Henry Hall; Lucius Dagmar, Walter Greene; Eben Woodruff, D.D., George Farren; Phyllis agmar, Jane Peyton; Diana Merivale, Katherine Grey; Ilian Burroughs, Robert Warwick.

Herbert Meriyale, Frank Young; Maggie Salyers, Haret Sheldon, Billy, Henry Hall; Ludius Dagmar, Walter Greene; Eben Worth, D.D., George Farrer; Phyllis agmar, Jane Feyton, Diana Merivale, Katherine Grey, idan Burroughs, Robert Warwick.

Mr. David Graham Phillips with his first play, The Worth of a Woman," has not done badly at all in the mere matter of writing a play that can acted. He probably would have done even betrif he knew exactly what he was aiming at the play is all about a young woman of advanced deas whose affianced spends a couple of months; the house, during which time she considered crself his wife, but she did not tell father about Die Folgen blieben nicht aus. Why should bey? What else could she expect. The young an hesitates about an immediate marriage beuse his mother was not yet reconciled to it. The then tells him why delay does not altogether tit her. He finally agrees to marry her at once as him one better and advances from the erotic the neurotic. Marry him? Never. Why? Beuse after marriage he will not respect her. He rotests. It is of no use; she has the idea in her ead and she does not rest until she calls her ther in and explains to him. At first the famy council decide that he must marry her at once be shot, and that after the marriage he must ave at once and never set his foot, etc. He is illing to anything, even to be shot. But the girl sists that she has no faith in his future faith in. There is no marriage. The young man goes way, but comes back one evening in the liment of the moon and assures her of what he has an assuring her all the time and she believes m. The advanced young lady who had tripped lead of the world into the next century (peraps) retraces her steps. Nothing has been oved; all the talk has been for nothing. It may fairly said, however, that the young man had esympathies of the audience from the beginning. e was of the right sort, and there would have sen no play if Diana Merivale had not been a for from the start, not forgetting those six or and the result of the

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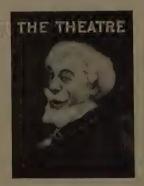
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Paul Hervieu understands his craft. "The Awakening," written by him and offered to this public by Miss Olga Nethersole, is a well-built play. Why shouldn't it be? What right has any dramatist to write any other kind? What sense is there in this cheap and ignorant sneer so often made about the "well-built" play? Are we to admire the imperfect and deride the perfect? There is a certain confusion of idea about the matter. That a play is perfect by reason of its utter conventionality is one thing; that it is perfect in structure and yet unconventional in subject matter is another. Hervieu has written a few plays that indicate that he is a man of ideas, but in "The Awakening" he goes back to the old and conventional subject of "love," of the unlawful and indecent kind, with a married woman laving herself in a cesspool of iniquity. It is the same offal which French dramatists and novelists have been giving us these many years. The American people want none of it. We are tired of it. The theme is unworthy a member of the Institute. Here is a woman, a wife, forty years old or thereabouts, with a daughter ready to marry, aflame with passion for a younger man than her husband, has given her no cause for discontent. What in the name of common sense is the French dramatist's idea of love? Must it always be illicit? Does not marriage "founded in reason, loyal, just and pure" perfect it? Does it not bring a new form of happiness, with ever added new forms? As Milton sang:

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Is it true, as these dramatists would have us believe, that French women grow degenerate as

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Is it true, as these dramatists would have us believe, that French women grow degenerate as they grow old? Is the daughter to inevitably follow the footsteps of her mother when she reaches forty? It would seem so from these French plays. We do not believe this evil of thrifty, progressive and warm-hearted France. Far from being degenerate the French woman is the soul and the salvation of France. M. Hervieu libels his countrywomen. The French drama of adultery has grown to be a world-wide evil.

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ruber. Sophie Brandt; Fifi, Josie Sadler; Annert seraldine Malone.

The American theatre managers, who season n and season out have imported foreign plays to ill in the gap made by the depression in homenade wares, have now looked to Vienna for their nusic. The two operas imported this year have ully justified their choice. Like "The Merry Widow," "The Waltz Dream" has for its central ord a waltz song, the haunting melody of which s repeated in all three acts. The opera is charming, the music melodious, the only discordant tote is where an attempt has been made to interard the action with a few coarse witticisms and neidents evidently brought in with the English rook and entirely foreign to the atmosphere and pirit of the piece. The slight plot, taken from story in Hans Mueller's "Book of Adventures," s of a young Lieutenant in the Viennese army vith whom a neighboring princess, Helene, falls n love and who is commanded by his emperor o marry this same princess. The Lieutenant is iomesick in his new surroundings and runs away in his wedding night to a garden where an or-



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DALY'S. "Society and the Bulldog." Conedy in three acts by Paul Armstrong. Product Jan. 18 with this cast:

"Big Ben" Howe, Thomas B. Findlay; "Swede Chaley" Peterson, Charles Lindholm; "Husting Hanh" Dabell, W. E. Knibloe; J. Fulton Van Rensselaer, Alfred Hickman; Genevieve Farley, Catherine Protor; Die Richards, William Mack; Mrs. Van Rensselaer, Blf Protor Otis; Bill Farley, William Farnum; Getz, Wilthop, Chamberlain; Mike, Marshall Farnum; Getz, Wilthop, Chamberlain; Mike, Marshall Farnum; Miss Pweckl, Leslie Mayo; Mrs. Maller, Olive White; Miss Msler, Mignon Oxer; Mrs. Gillis, Bessie Hunter High Mrs. Lloyd, Molly Brady; James, Robert B. Ferguson. After three positive failures at Daly's, it seeme as if the time for raising the apnarent boodoo halalmost been reached. But it was not to be an the next offering, "Society and the Bulldog: failed almost as radically as its predecessors, and Mr. Paul Armstrong, its author and financic backer, realizing the futility of fighting the popular verdict, gracefully retired. It is unnecessary except for the record to more than lightly toue on this production. Mr. Armstrong knows his West well, and when it comes to write of its big lunged, whole-hearted personalities, does so wit simplicity and strength. Of his views on the Easit can only be remarked that either his powers observation have become blunted or his capacit for proper expression curtailed. "Society and the Bulldog" was a weird, wild mixture of dramacomedy and burlesque. The time has gone by when everything Eastern is to be regarded a effect and decadent and red shirts and sombero accepted as the epitome only of all that's nobland honest. William Farnum, Elita Proctor Oti and Alfred Hickman were some of the capabl players wasted on impossible rôles.

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MAJESTIC. "BANDANNA LAND." Musica comedy in three acts. Produced February 3 with this cast:

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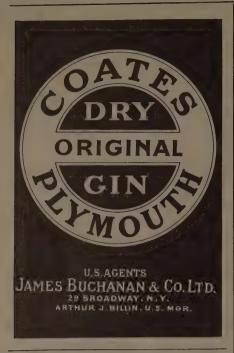
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in 1868, his father being a prominent Californian banker. Having no taste for the commercial career, Denis studied music, and going abroad became the pupil of Karl Formes, Ugo Talbo Vannucinna in Florence and of Sbriglia in Paris. In 1895 he made his début in Dublin as a member of the Carl Rosa Company. Later he produced "The Post Boy" in London, and was the original Duke in the English production of "The Duchess of Dantzig." He also appeared briefly in this country in "Shamus O'Brien" nine years ago. He also organized Irish singing societies for cultivating Irish folk music in England. For eight years he was the leading vocalist of the annual Irish Musical Festivals at Dublin, Belfast, Sligo and Londonderry. He rapidly gained popularity and was booked to appear at the Majestic Theatre, this city, in "Peggy Machree," when he was taken with his fatal illness.

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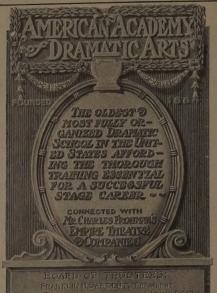
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well-known tenor, as co-director, and Signor Toscanini and Herr Mahler as conductors. Signor Gatti-Casazza, says the New York World, was in the Italian navy, where he served as engineer. He has for the last eight or ten years been nominally at the head of the opera at Milan, where he has devoted his attention principally to the direction of the stage. The mechanical devices and effects of lighting which he introduced into the production of "Die Walküre" caused every operatic manager in Europe to go to see it. But so far as his musical and artistic qualifications are concerned, he is absolutely dependent on his conductor, M. Toscanini, whose reputation as the foremost conductor of Italy is well established. As a consequence M. Gatti-Casazza has refused hitherto to leave Milan for any other post unless Toscanini goes with him, so that his selection as director of the Metropolitan necessitates the engagement of Toscanini as well.

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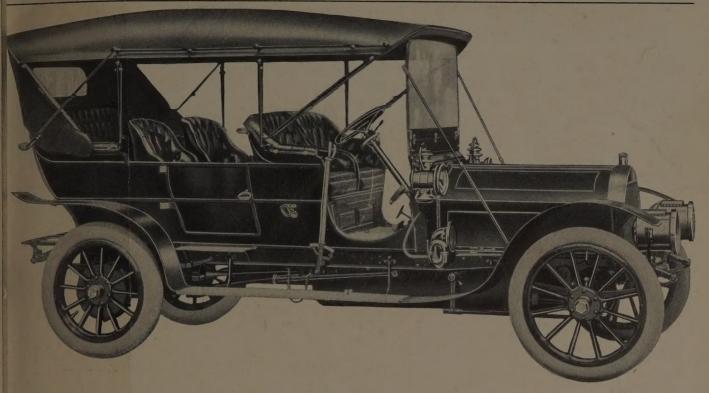
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